



# FBI

## Violent Criminal Apprehension Program Alert



On May 25, 2003, a hiker walking his dog above the Shady Rest campground in The Mammoth Lakes National Forest, Mammoth Lakes, California, discovered a shallow grave with human remains scattered around the area. In addition to the skeleton, the following clothing items were found: women's pants, size 1-2, 32A bra; Bass brand shoes, size 5M; small top; "Cold Air Design" coat and a "Jacqueline Smith" watch that was still running. Investigators estimate that the victim had been dead for 6 to 9 months and had spent the winter under the snow. The victim has been entered into NCIC and the ViCAP National Database. DNA analysis showed that the victim was 100% Native American whose life history could be as follows. She was born and raised through childhood in the American Southwest or in Northern Mexico. She subsisted on a very poor diet, including a great deal of corn. Sometime later she moved south to southern Mexico, possibly Oaxaca, where she spent about 10 years of her life. Finally, the last two years of her life the victim traveled to California where she was killed. The victim is described as a Zapotec Indian from Mexico, 30 – 40 years old, 80 – 90 pounds 4' 6" – 4' 8" tall, with longer than shoulder

length black hair. (The photograph on the left is a skull reconstruction of the victim.)

A few days after the skeleton was found, a witness was located that remembered an incident that occurred in the fall of 2002, when a very short Asian looking female came into the Mammoth Lakes Visitor Center with her husband. The woman told an employee that her husband treated her badly and she was fearful of him. The husband asked about campsite rules and stay limits. The employee described the woman's husband as "abrasive" and "mean spirited". The husband is described as a white male, heavysset, 5 foot 9 inches tall, 175 to 200 pounds, with brown hair



Drawing of Suspect

Anyone having information on the identity of the victim or suspect in this case should contact either Detective Sergeant Paul Dostie, Mammoth Lakes Police Department at 760-934-2011 or Crime Analyst Ken Whitla, FBI, ViCAP Unit, at 1-800-634-4097. (ref 2004CA20)